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Government are paying them. So, would the Government revise their scales of pay so as to serve as an incentive for able and experienced drivers to take up work in our Transport Department?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have just now stated that the pay question has been looked into by the Pay Commission which we have set up. But as far as dearth of personnel is concerned, it is not only the pay question that stands in the way but much more than that. We are not able to get trained personnel and for this purpose the State Transport Department have been giving special attention to train sufficient number of drivers which we require.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : சர்க்கார் பஸ்களில் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு, மற்ற தனியார் பஸ்களில் வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய தொழிலாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கக்கூடிய "பாடாவில்" பாதி அளவுக்குத் தான் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. அது ரூ. 1-2-0 என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அதை உயர்த்துவதற்கு ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா, உயர்த்தப்பட்டுள்ளதா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : All these points must have been gone into by the Pay Commission when they submitted their recommendations. Now I do not have the particulars required by the hon. Member. If he is really interested, he may put a separate question and we will get the necessary information that he requires.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know what sort of training is being given to these drivers? They are already holding driving licences and may I know what is the special training given by the Transport Department?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is not that we are giving retraining to the drivers as such. Many persons have joined the Department as other employees and we also have got a training programme, under which training is given to new personnel to work as drivers and conductors as such.

*State Transport workers (impersonation at departmental examination)*

* 1898 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Transport employees were charged for false personation in the departmental examination during the last financial year; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on the concerned persons?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes Sir. Two persons of the Madras State Transport Department were prosecuted for false personation in the Departmental Examination. The Court found one of them not guilty of any of the charges. The other person was convicted and was released on probation of good conduct for a period of one year. Disciplinary action was also taken against him for departmental misdemeanour.

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SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know what sort of disciplinary action was taken against him?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : His increment was postponed for six months.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know the principle adopted by the Department in particular and the Government in general for the punishment of these offenders. In the Transport Department convicted persons are dismissed but in this case of serious impersonation the convicted person's increment only was postponed for six months?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The convicted person was sentenced by the lower court but on appeal his sentence was set aside. So actually he was not convicted at the higher level.

*State Transport (travel-as-you please tickets)*

• 1899 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to issue " travel-as-you-please " tickets in the State Transport buses in the City of Madras.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : In view of the large influx of indigenous tourists to the City, will the Government consider the question of issuing ' Travel as you please Tickets ' so that the tourists may have an opportunity of seeing places with one ticket?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The hon. Member is making only a suggestion.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : ஏற்கனவே சென்னையிலே டிராம்கார் இருந்த நேரத்திலே இந்தச் சலுகை வழங்கப்பட்டது. டிராம்கார் இருந்த இடத்திலே இப்பொழுது டவுன் பஸ்கள் அதிகமாக ஓடுகிற காரணத்தினால் பிரயாணிகள் வசதிக்காக கட்டணத்தைக் குறைத்து " go as you please " டிக்கெட் வழங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் உத்தேசிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : இப்பொழுது ஒன்றும் அம்மாதிரி உத்தேசம் இல்லை.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : ஸார் இந்தக் கேள்வி " இஷ்டப்படி பிரயாணம் செய்வது " பற்றி இருக்கிறது. அப்படியென்றால், எப்படிப் பிரயாணம் செய்வது என்று பொருள் ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : "go as you please", அதாவது இந்த டிக்கட் வாங்கி விட்டால், எங்கு வேண்டுமானாலும் போகலாம். ஆனால், அதைப் பற்றி பரிசீலனையே இல்லை. ஆகவே, அது பற்றிய சிக்கல்களை கனம் அண்ணாமலை சிந்திக்க வேண்டாம்.

*Slum clearance (Tiruchirappalli municipality)*

• 1900 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricty be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of the schemes of Slum Clearance sanctioned for Tiruchirappalli municipality; and